#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2000 No. 840

# **ELECTRICITY**

# The Electricity (Standards of Performance) (Amendment) Regulations 2000

The Director General of Electricity Supply, in exercise of his powers conferred by sections 39 and 60 of the Electricity Act 1989(a), after consultation with public electricity suppliers and with persons and bodies representative of persons likely to be affected by the exercise of the powers, after considering the results of research to discover the views of a representative sample of persons likely to be affected, and with the consent of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry in accordance with section 39(1)(a) of the Electricity Act 1989, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

#### Citation, commencement and interpretation

- 1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Electricity (Standards of Performance) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 and shall come into force on 1st April 2000.
- (2) In these Regulations "Principal Regulations" means the Electricity (Standards of Performance) Regulations 1993(b) as amended by the Electricity (Standards of Performance) (Amendment) Regulations 1995(c) and the Electricity (Standards of Performance) (Amendment) Regulations 1998(d).

#### **Amendment of the Principal Regulations**

**2.** Part I of the Schedule to the Principal Regulations shall be amended in respect of Regulation 4(2)(a) by replacing the words "24 hours" in column (2) with the words "18 hours".

13th March 2000

Callum McCarthy,
The Director General of Electricity Supply

I consent

Helen Liddell,
Minister for Energy and Competitiveness in Europe,
Department of Trade and Industry

22nd March 2000

<sup>(</sup>a) The Electricity Act 1989 c. 29; section 39 was amended by sections 20(1) and 56(7) of, and Schedule 2, to the Competition and Service (Utilities) Act 1992 (c. 43).

**<sup>(</sup>b)** S.I. 1993/1193.

<sup>(</sup>c) S.I. 1995/687.

<sup>(</sup>d) S.I. 1998/1547.

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Electricity (Standards of Performance) Regulations 1993 as amended by the Electricity (Standards of Performance) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 and the Electricity (Standards of Performance) (Amendment) Regulations 1998 ("the Principal Regulations").

Regulation 2 amends the Schedule to the Principal Regulations by reducing from 24 to 18 hours the time public electricity suppliers have to restore interrupted supplies before making penalty payments to affected customers.

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